

A YOUTHFUL INCENDIARY.

AN 11-YEAR-OLD GIRL INDICTABLE
FOR MURDER.

**She Makes Several Attempts to Run
from the Hospital for the Raptured and
Crippled in New York—Detected and
Compelled to Confess.**

New York, Feb. 2.—An 18-year-old girl may confess that it was she who made the several attempts recently to burn the hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled, where the serious fire, in which Mary Donnelly lost her life, occurred Sunday evening. The young girl, May Wilson, is indictable for murder in the first degree. Once previous to Sunday night a futile attempt was made to burn the hospital, and on Tuesday two other trials to start a fire were made by placing boxes of matches in the register. While Fire Marshal Shuler was today investigating Sunday's fire, another box of matches was found in the same register.

Attempts to reach the hospital for the purpose of attacking the register were being discussed by the doctors. Among those present was May Wilson, whom Fire Marshal Shuler said was in the hospital at the time while the fire marshal was in the building the alarm was sounded, and one of the linen drawers of the dining room.

The scenes of Sunday night's panic were enacted in a minor degree. Many of the patients were in the hall when the alarm was carried out, and great excitement prevailed before the firemen arrived. The blaze was quickly quenched. The servant girl who had been in the hall when the alarm was sounded, and from the room as she went to the kitchen, where she was employed, and when her story was told it became a matter of great public interest. An incredible suspicion was but a few minutes founded. Summoning the chief of the fire department, the fire marshal, and the police, he sent in the case to the criminal. But when the officer dilated upon the terrible punishment in store for the girl, she broke down and confessed. She admitted that she had made the attempt to fire the hospital, but she did not know the building's matches.

to the doctor's room. She next tried the experiment of placing matches on the smoking register. This afternoon's blizzard kindled with more matches which happened to find.

After the confession had been taken down Dr. Gibney, one of the hospital physicians examined the girl, and became convinced that she was suffering from pyromania and was not responsible for her remarkable actions. At his suggestion the girl was placed under arrest, but was detained in the personal care of one of the doctors.

RUSH FOR OPERA SEATS.

Exciting Scores at the National Theater.

There was a wonderful sale of seats at the theater Sunday afternoon, the last day, the largest ever known for a National Opera season in this city. Between two and thirty messenger boys and others who had commissions for seats from prominent opera patrons remained up all Wednesday night outside the theater to get the best seats in the first three rows morning after morning. When the sale opened there were over 400 persons in line. The first to get a seat were the opera patrons, who took the choice seats in the orchestra and the balcony. The sale continued without interruption until 10:00 o'clock, when it temporarily closed for fifteen minutes to allow the general public to get in. The sale was reopened at 10:30 o'clock, when another long line formed. The sale continued until 1:00 o'clock. The sale amounted to nearly \$75,000. The box office will be reopened at 3:30 o'clock.

The sale of seats was very evenly distributed over the seven performances of the opera, the Opera House and the Club meeting with a brilliant success in its engagement here.

The committee from Philadelphia received tonight announces the opening of the winter's season there last evening to a number of the Philadelphia friends.

"Nero" was the opera given and proved great success.

The Irish-American Club.

The regular monthly meeting was held evening, of the 11th inst. at the Club in the chair, and Wm. J. O'Connell secreted the rooms of the club were crowded and the meeting was very successful in calling the meeting to order, delivered a paper on the subject of the Club, in view of the character of its membership and the importance of the Club, it should take and occupy a position of leadership in all movements for the amelioration of the condition of the Irish-American and that to do so effectively the club and its members should be united in their efforts. The club then proceeded to the table and the members of the club presented a gratifying report of progress announced an hour of the undertaking and a vote of thanks was passed to the club, which some of the members then

Flags for the Fair.
At a meeting last evening of the exec

bazar of the Grand Army, to be opened Feb. 22, it was decided to adopt the position of the ladies' committee to decorate the hall with flags. Secretary Whitney has given the ladies the use of all the flags in the Department for that purpose.

The evening consisted of Mesdames Schuch and Bardo and Miss Daughton, and right did they attend to their duties and handle large crowd present. To-night the Patriotic Militant, I. O. O. F., will be in attendance.

Prof. Haupt Lectures
in Masonic Temple to-day and to-morrow
10:30, 4:15, and 8, preliminary to his

PERSONALITIES.
 SECRETARY ENDICOTT has returned

Mrs. Ella Miles is still visiting friends in this city.

Hon. Simon Wolf and wife have returned from a long trip to the south.

Mrs. Belle Bucklin, of New York city, guest of Mrs. Braden at the National

JUDGE AND MRS. COOLEY have been at home by a telegram announcing the sudden death of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edg Cooley, at Bay City, Mich.

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL H. ELLIS, of No. 1011 street southeast, have issued cards for marriage of their daughter, Clara E., to W. Pote, to be celebrated at the Fourth

MRS. DAGMAR THOMAS, the Swedish born wife of Hon. W. W. Thomas, jr., late United States minister to Sweden and Norway, is at the Arlington. She is a noble lady of the broadest of hearts and has recently, and

1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.